

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as illustrated herein below.

1. (Currently Amended) A pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves, each flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeve ~~consisting of~~

comprising:

a first panel and a second panel connected along a first side and a second side and having an upper end having an opening, and the first panel and second panel tapered from the upper end to a closed lower end, and the first side and the second side having an angle therebetween from about 14° to about 40°;

a support portion for supporting each decorative preformed flexible sleeve in the pad from a support assembly, the support portion extending from the upper end and detachable via a detaching element wherein when the support portion is detached, an upper edge is left in the upper end; and

an adhesive or cohesive bonding material disposed upon at least one of an inner peripheral surface of the first panel and an inner peripheral surface of the second panel.

2. (Original) The pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves of claim 1 wherein the angle is from about 16° to about 30°.
3. (Original) The pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves of claim 1 wherein the angle is from about 16° to about 24°.
4. (Original) The pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves of claim 1 wherein the closed lower end comprises a conical tip.
5. (Original) The pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves of claim 1 wherein the upper edge of the upper end has a non-linear shape when the support portion is detached.
6. (Original) The pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves of claim 1 wherein each sleeve is further defined as sized to contain a pot.
7. (Original) The pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves of claim 5 wherein the non-linear upper edge of the upper end of the flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeve is positioned such that when a pot is disposed within the decorative preformed flexible sleeve and the support portion is detached, the non-linear upper edge of the upper end of the

decorative preformed flexible sleeve is at least partially positioned near an upper rim of the pot.

8. (Original) The pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves of claim 1 wherein the adhesive or cohesive bonding material is positioned on the flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeve in a location to enable the flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeve to be connected via the adhesive or cohesive bonding material to an outer surface of a pot disposed therein after the flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeve is opened.

9. (Original) The pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves of claim 1 wherein each flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeve is further defined as constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of treated or untreated paper, metal foil, polymer film, non-polymer film, cardboard, fiber, cloth, burlap, and laminations or combinations thereof.

10. (Original) A plant package comprising a potted plant disposed within a decorative preformed flexible sleeve as defined in the pad of claim 1.

11. (Original) A method of covering a potted plant, comprising:
- providing a pad of flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeves as defined in claim 1;
 - removing a flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeve from the pad;
 - opening the flattened decorative preformed flexible sleeve; and
 - disposing the potted plant within the decorative preformed flexible sleeve.
12. (Original) A plant package comprising a potted plant and a decorative preformed flexible sleeve, the plant package produced by the method of claim 11.